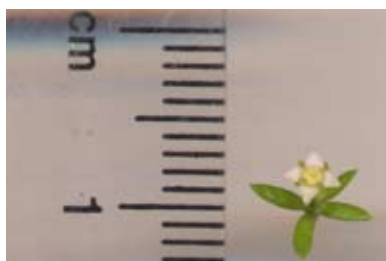


Crassula helmsii (Swamp Stonecrop)
Crassulaceae (Stonecrop Family)



Description and Biology

- Growing on the margins of aquatic habitats, this plant forms tight hummocks of fine, bright green foliage 2 to 4 inches in height.
- It has non-flowering, submersed shoots and emergent flowering shoots.
- The leaves are succulent, opposite, joined at the base and linear to narrowly oval in shape.
- The flowers are stalked, solitary and form at the base of the leaves. They have 4 white or occasionally pale pink petals.



Current Status

Although this plant is not currently a significant problem in the United States, it warrants close monitoring because of the ecological damage it has caused in Australia, New Zealand and the United Kingdom. It is listed in North Carolina as a Class A state noxious weed. Anyone who suspects a potential infestation in North Carolina should report it to the N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Weed Specialist at 1-800-206-9333.